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--THE FOLLOWING REPLIES ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS IN REFTTEL, PARA 3(A):

1. U.S. RELATIONS WITH HONDURAS HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN FRIENDLY, COOPERATIVE AND FREE OF MAJOR PROBLEMS. U.S. SECURITY NEEDS IN HONDURAS RELATE TO OUR INTEREST IN THE GENERAL STABILITY OF THE AREA AND THE PREVENTION OF HOSTILE FORCES AND BASES BEING INTRODUCED INTO THE REGION. GENERAL STABILITY ALSO PROVIDES AN ATMOSPHERE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS GOALS, AS WELL AS LONGER-TERM SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE
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PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO FURTHER MODERNIZATION OF HONDURAN ARMED FORCES AND IMPROVE INTERNAL SECURITY AND EXTERNAL DEFENSE. THE RELATIONSHIP CONTRIBUTES TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE GOOD RELATIONS WE ENJOY AND HELPS TO MAINTAIN THEM. THROUGH ESTABLISHED CONTACTS, GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONS AND INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE, IT PROVIDES A MODICUM OF LEVERAGE IN PURSUING THE WHOLE RANGE OF UNITED STATES INTERESTS--POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, DEVELOPMENTAL,

CONSULAR AND HUMAN RIGHTS--WITH THE HONDURAN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT, WHICH HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE COUNTRY AND ITS GOVERNMENT. TEGUCIGALPA 603 (DTG 021441Z FEB 78) PROVIDES FURTHER OBSERVATIONS.

2. HONDURAS IS A POOR COUNTRY WITH MANY DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS, AND AT LEAST A LATENT POTENTIAL FOR INTERNAL DISSENSION. THIS FACT IS AS APPARENT TO MILITARY LEADERS AS TO OTHERS. NEVERTHELESS, THE GOH'S MAJOR FOCUS IS THE PERCEIVED THREAT FROM EL SALVADOR. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A TREATY IS NEGOTIATED ENDING THE 1969 WAR, ALL OTHER FACTORS WILL BE SECONDARY TO THIS CONSIDERATION, AND THE GOH PLACES A HIGH PRIORITY ON NEGOTIATION EFFORTS. THE GOH IS ALSO CONCERNED OVER INCREASINGLY APPARENT INSTABILITY IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC TENSIONS, AND HOPES TO AVOID BECOMING INVOLVED IN THESE PROBLEMS, AS WELL AS IN THE GUATEMALA-BELIZE DISPUTE. IN ADDITION TO THE EL SALVADOR BORDER, THE GOH HAS MADE STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH AND DEFEND ITS NEUTRALITY AND THE NEUTRALITY OF ITS TERRITORY VIS-A-VIS NICARAGUAN PROBLEMS. LIKE OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES, HONDURAS PERCEIVES CUBA AS A POTENTIAL MILITARY THREAT, BUT THIS IS FURTHER DOWN THE SCALE OF CONCERN FOR THE MOMENT. NEITHER THE COMMUNIST PARTY NOR OTHER EXTREMIST GROUPS ARE PRESENTLY ORGANIZED TO UNDERTAKE SUBVERSIVE OR TERRORIST ACTIONS. THE ARMED FORCES ARE, NEVERTHELESS, WATCHFUL OF THESE GROUPS. TO MEET THESE PERCEIVED THREATS, THE GOH HAS UNDERTAKEN AN EXTENSIVE MODERNIZATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM, CONFIDENTIAL

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AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NAVY TO PATROL ITS COASTLINE.

3. THE MISSION DOES NOT DIFFER FROM THE HONDURAN GOVERNMENT'S PERCEPTION OF THE THREATS FACING IT, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOTED AND MADE CERTAIN REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING RECENT JET FIGHTER ACQUISITIONS AND LIGHT TANK ORDERS WHICH COULD HAVE AN UNSETTLING EFFECT ON HONDURAS' NEIGHBORS. HOWEVER, THE CHIEF OF STATE RECENTLY ASSURED THE AMBASSADOR HONDURAS HAD NO PLANS FOR NEW MAJOR ARMS ACQUISITIONS, EXCEPT PATROL BOATS. OUR PRESENT SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, AND THOSE PLANNED FOR THE NEAR FUTURE, DEMONSTRATE OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE COUNTRY AND PROVIDE US SOME LEVERAGE IN THE PURSUIT OF USG GOALS, BUT DO NOT LOOM UNDULY GIVEN THE LACK OF SIMILAR PROGRAMS IN OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

4. HONDURAS BELIEVES IT REQUIRES A STRONG AND BALANCED FORCE IN ORDER TO COMBAT PERCEIVED THREATS TO ITS NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. IT REQUIRES THE MAINTENANCE OF A STRONG ARMY FOR DEFENSE OF ITS BORDERS, PARTICULARLY TO COUNTER THE SALVADOREAN THREAT, PLUS FORCES TO COUNTER ANY POSSIBLE INSURGENT THREAT WITHIN ITS BORDERS. IN THIS REGARD IT WISHES TO IMPROVE THE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS INFANTRY BATTALIONS, AND TO STANDARDIZE AND

REPLACE OUTDATED ENGINEER EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVE ITS OUTDATED LOGISTICS SYSTEM. THE GOH WISHES TO CONTINUE TO ENHANCE THE CAPABILITIES OF ITS AIR FORCE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A STRONG DETERRENT TO POTENTIAL ADVERSARIES. SPECIFICALLY, IT IS IMPROVING PILOT TRAINING THROUGH MODERNIZATION OF TRAINING AIRCRAFT AND REPLACEMENT OF OBSOLETE, HETEROGENEOUS AIRCRAFT/EQUIPMENT. HONDURAS IS ALSO STRIVING TO DEVELOP ITS FLEDGLING NAVY INTO A FORCE ADEQUATE TO ENHANCE ITS INTERNAL DEFENSE, COASTAL SECURITY, AND NARCOTICS SMUGGLING INTERDICTION CAPABILITY.

5. THE TYPE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT ENVISIONED BY THE GOH GENERALLY IS IN ACCORD WITH US INTERESTS AND ALTERNATIVES IN THE REGION, WITH THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED EXCEPTION OF EXPANSION ITS AIR FORCE CAPABILITY, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF HIGH
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PERFORMANCE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, HAS TENDED TO SURPASS A PURELY DEFENSIV
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CAPABILITY. THIS INCREASE IN CAPABILITY COULD HAVE AN UNSETTLING EFFECT ON REGIONAL STABILITY, AS WELL AS CONTRIBUTING TO A

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POTENTIAL ARMS RACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

6. DEFENSE EXPENDITURES 1978: \$31,403,800 (INCLUDES POLICE FORCES);
DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AS A PERCENTAGE OF 1978 BUDGET: 7.5;
DEFENSE EXPENDITURES (1977) AS A PERCENTAGE OF 1977 GNP: 1.6;
MILITARY IMPORTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF 1977 TOTAL MERCHANDISE
IMPORTS NOT AVAILABLE.

THE PUBLISHED HONDURAN DEFENSE BUDGET INCREASED FROM \$13.8
MILLION IN 1974 TO \$22.8 MILLION IN 1977 AND \$31.4 MILLION IN
1978. THE OVERALL BUDGET INCREASED FROM \$164 MILLION TO \$322
MILLION BETWEEN 1974-1977 AND IS \$415.96 MILLION FOR 1978.
BUDGETED DEFENSE EXPENDITURES HAVE THUS DECREASED FROM 8.4 TO
7.5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL BUDGET BASED ON PUBLIC DATA. THE
FOREGOING FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE SOME UNPUBLISHED OR UNBUDGETED
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EXPENSES FOR DEFENSE EXPENDITURES THAT HAVE NOT APPEARED IN
PUBLIC DOCUMENTS, BUT DO INCLUDE THE POLICE FORCE (GENERAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT, SECURITY AND TRAFFIC CONTROL). IN ADDITION
WITHOUT KNOWING THE DETAILS OF THE BUDGET THERE IS NO WAY OF
ESTIMATING TOTAL DEFENSE IMPORTS. EXPENDITURES FOR ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, IN SUCH SECTORS AS AGRICULTURE,
EDUCATION AND HEALTH HAVE MORE THAN DOUBLED IN THE SAME PERIOD
AND REPRESENT OVER 40 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL BUDGET. IN ADDITION,
SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IS BUDGETED FOR BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE,
INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY, IN SUPPORT
OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. THESE FIGURES, AS WELL AS THE MAJOR
INVESTMENT PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE, ARE CLEAR INDICATIONS THAT
DEFENSE EXPENDITURES HAVE NOT INTERFERED WITH THE ALLOCATION OF
RESOURCES FOR NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS.
77 TEGUCIGALPA 2976 (DTG 202151Z JUN 77) PROVIDES A MORE
DETAILED ASSESSEMENT OF THIS QUESTION AND ITS OBSERVATIONS REMAIN
VALID. EMBASSY'S BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT MILITARY IMPORTS CONSTITUTE
ABOUT ONE PERCENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES. NEITHER DO
DEFENSE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS CONSTITUTE AN IMPEDIMENT TO DEBT
SERVICING OR FOREIGN EXCHANGE AVAILABILITY. THE CURRENT DEBT SERVICE
RATIO OF ABOUT 6.6 PERCENT IS RELATIVELY LOW AND MANAGEABLE. WHILE
EXTERNAL DEBT WILL RISE AND THE COUNTRY FACES BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
DEFICITS, IF PRESENT HIGH PRICES FOR HONDURAN EXPORTS GO DOWN,
THESE ARE CAUSED PRIMARILY BY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR WHICH
EXTERNAL FINANCING ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS IS IN LARGE PART AVAILABLE.
THE GOH HAS A STRONG COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPMENT. WHILE TOTAL DEFENSE
EXPENDITURES CANNOT BE ESTIMATED, IT IS EVIDENT THAT MILITARY COSTS
ARE NOT INTERFERING WITH THE GOH'S PLANS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT.

7. NOT APPLICABLE.

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(A) UH-1H HELICOPTERS, FOR MODERNIZATION OF TRANSPORT AND MANEUVER CAPABILITY AND DISASTER RELIEF CAPABILITY.

(B) F-5E AIRCRAFT, TO REPLACE OBSOLETE F86 AIRCRAFT; TO PROVIDE A MULTI-ROLE FIGHTER FOR THE OUTYEARS.

(C) 105 FOOT PATROL BOATS, TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF THE GROWING NAVY, SPECIFICALLY TO INCREASE PATROLING CAPABILITY ALONG AN EXTENSIVE COASTLINE.

(D) LCM-8'S, FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NAVY CAPABILITY, SPECIFICALLY FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF COASTAL SURVEILLANCE AND SECURITY AND NARCOTICS CONTROL.

(E) TRAINING. A CONTINUING PROGRAM OF US TRAINING, THROUGH THE USE OF TRAINING IN THE CANAL ZONE AND THE US AND MOBILE TRAINING TEAMS IN COUNTRY, HELPS TO FOSTER AND MAINTAIN A FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS UNITED STATES INTERESTS.

9. HONDURAN MILITARY ONLY BUYS FROM US THOSE ITEMS IT BELIEVES ESSENTIAL. THEY WOULD STILL BE BOUGHT IF FMS WERE NOT AVAILBLE, ON COMMERCIAL TERMS, BUT WITH A SUBSEQUENT DECREASE IN EFFECTIVENESS TO OUR PROGRAM GOALS. SMALL FMS PROGRAM HERE HAS NO ADVERSE IMPACT ON HOST COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT, BUT, IF NOT AVAILABLE, DIVERSION OF FUNDS WOULD OCCUR FROM ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS.

10. PROJECTED ARMS PURCHASES BY HONDURAS DO NOT INCLUDE EQUIPMENT WHICH WOULD CAUSE ARMS CONTROL PROBLEMS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE GOH'S HOPE TO ACQUIRE F-5E AIRCRAFT. BASED ON GUATEMALA AND MEXICO PRECEDENTS, THERE SEEMS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT USG WOULD CONSIDER PROVIDING THE F-5E, AND IN FACT, THE GOH HAS NOT FORMALLY ASKED FOR THEM.

11. HONDURAS HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE IN RECENT YEARS HAS BEEN RELATIVELY GOOD AND A PATTERN OF GOVERNMENT CONDONED GROSS
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VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS DOES NOT EXIST. THOSE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS THAT DO EXIST FALL PRIMARILY INTO THE CATEGORY OF THE

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, BOTH IN THE COURTS AND THE POLICE. THERE ARE ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION AND BRUTALITY ON THE PART OF INDIVIDUAL POLICE OFFICIALS AND THE HONDURAN COURT SYSTEM IS ARCHAIC AND INEFFICIENT. THE GOH IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE THIS SITUATION, WHICH RESULTS FROM INDIVIDUAL EXCESSES OR TRADITIONAL FAULTS, AND IT IS BEST DESCRIBED AS A SYMPTOM OF UNDERDEVELOPMENT RATHER THAN GOVERNMENT PRACTICE. APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PER SE WOULD HAVE NO MAJOR DIRECT EFFECT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN HONDURAS BUT WOULD, IF DENIED, AFFECT USG ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE ITS CONCERNS TO THE MILITARY, A KEY FORCE IN HUMAN RIGHTS AREA. IN ADDITION, ARMED FORCES ARE NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT AND EVEN AFTER THE PLANNED RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL RULE SOMETIME IN 1980 OR 1981, CAN BE EXPECTED TO HAVE A CONTINUING SIGNIFICANT INPUT

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INTO HONDURAS' ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING.

12. HONDURAS RECEIVES A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER SOURCES, BUT NO MILITARY ASSISTANCE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME CONCESSIONARY FINANCING OR SUPPLIERS CREDITS. INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES WHICH HAVE PROGRAMS

IN HONDURAS INCLUDE THE WORLD BANK, INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, FAO, UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. INTERNATIONAL LENDING FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN RELATIVELY HIGH, IN VIEW OF PENDING ACTION ON SEVERAL LARGE PROJECTS, PLUS A CONTINUATION OF ONGOING PROJECTS, SUCH AS USAID'S PROGRAMS.

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(A) LEVEL 1 (MINIMUM): IMET - \$225,000
FMS - \$1.1 MILLION

(B) LEVAL 2 (INTERMEDIATE): IMET - \$250,000
FMS - \$2.2 MILLION

(C) LEVEL 3 (CURRENT): IMET - \$250,000
FMS - \$2.5 MILLION (REQUESTED)

(D) LEVEL 4 (INCREMENTAL): IMET - \$350,000
FMS - \$3.5 MILLION

(E) LEVEL 1 WOULD PERMIT ONLY THE CONTINUED ACQUISITION OF 1 UH-1H HELICOPTER PER YEAR UNDER FMS CREDIT, AND NO OTHER PURCHASES AS CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED. IT WOULD PERMIT A CONTINUATION OF SCHOOLING IN THE CZ AND IN CONUS, BUT AT A LOWER LEVEL THAN CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED. THIS LEVEL WOULD FORCE THE GOH TO DIVERT BUDGET ASSETS TO REQUIRED MILITARY EXPENDITURES. LEVEL 2 WOULD PERMIT CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT LEVEL OF TRAINING; FMS CREDIT LEVEL WOULD ALLOW FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2 UH-1H HELICOPTERS, BUT WOULD STILL FORCE THE GOH TO DIVERT BUDGET RESOURCES TO PURCHASE WHAT IT CONSIDERS TO BE ESSENTIAL MILITARY ACQUISITIONS. LEVEL 3 PERMITS PROGRAM AS CURRENTLY OUTLINED TO CONTINUE AT THE SAME LEVEL, WITH THE ASSUMPTION THAT OUR PENDING REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$.5 MILLION OVER THE ORIGINALLY APPROVED \$2.0 MILLION WILL BE APPROVED. LEVEL 4 WOULD PERMIT AN EXPANDED USE OF CONUS-BASED SCHOOLING, AND WOULD ALLOW A HIGHER LEVEL OF FINANCIAL CREDITS FOR THE PURCHASE OF NAVAL CRAFT. THE HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT AT ALL LEVELS OTHER THAN 3 AND 4 WOULD BE A REDUCTION IN OUR ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER CONCERNS TO THE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES AND INFLUENCE THEIR CONTINUED FAVORABLE PERFORMANCE.

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(F) MILGP MANNING LEVELS: MILITARY US CIV LWR

LEVEL 1 (MINIMUM):	4	0	3
LEVEL 2 (INTERMEDIATE):	5	1	4
LEVEL 3 (CURRENT):	6	1	5

LEVEL 1 WOULD PROVIDE FOR A MILGP COMMANDER, TRI-SERVICE LOGISTICS OFFICER, TRI-SERVICE TRAINING OFFICER, AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST, WITH 3 LWR EMPLOYEES AS SECRETARY/TRANSLATOR/ADMIN ASSISTANTS. THIS LEVEL WOULD BE CAPABLE OF MINIMAL MANAGEMENT OF ONGOING SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, BUT WOULD BE SEVERELY LIMITED IN ITS ABILITY TO PROVIDE A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH HONDURAN OFFICIALS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY FUTURE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT CHANGES OR INCREASES/DECREASES. ROLE OF MILGP IN REPRESENTATIONAL AND CONSULTATION FUNCTIONS WOULD BE TOTALLY CURTAILED.

LEVEL 2 WOULD PROVIDE FOR A MILGP COMMANDER, TRI-SERVICE TRAINING OFFICER, TRI-SERVICE LOGISTICS OFFICER, AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVE, AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST, WITH ONE US CIVILIAN AS A TRI-SERVICE LOGISTICS COORDINATOR, 3 LWR EMPLOYEES AS SECRETARY/TRANSLATORS/LIAISON PERSONNEL, AND ONE LWR EMPLOYEE AS TRI-SERVICE TRAINING COORDINATOR. THIS LEVEL WOULD PERMIT SERVICE REPRESENTATION, IN ADDITION TO THE FUNCTIONS INDICATED IN LEVEL 1, BUT WOULD STILL IMPOSE SEVERE LIMITATIONS IN TERMS OF MANAGEMENT OF SERVICE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

LEVEL 3 PROVIDES FOR A MILGP COMMANDER, TRI-SERVICE TRAINING OFFICER, TRI-SERVICE LOGISTICS OFFICER, AIR FORCE SECURITY ASSISTANCE OFFICER, AIR FORCE LOGISTICS REPRESENTATIVE, AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST, WITH ONE US CIVILIAN AS A TRI-SERVICE LOGISTICS COORDINATOR, 3 LWR EMPLOYEES AS SECRETARY/TRANSLATORS, 1 LWR

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EMPLOYEE AS TRI-SERVICE COORDINATOR, AND 1 LWR EMPLOYEE AS SPECIAL MILGP LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE. THE FOREGOING REPRESENTS THE CURRENT ORGANIZATION AS ALTERED BY RECOMMENDED CHANGES CURRENTLY IN SUBMISSION. THIS LEVEL CAN EFFECTIVELY ACCOMPLISH ALL STATED AND IMPLIED MISSIONS AND FUNCTIONS CONTAINED IN CURRENT STATUTES AND DIRECTIVES.

(G) NOT APPLICABLE.

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(H)

(1) THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF TRAINING ARE UTILIZED AS REQUIRED BY HC:

- (A) PROFESSIONAL
- (B) TECHNICAL
- (C) MTT

(2) FOLLOWING IS A TRI-SERVICE BREAKOUT OF STUDENTS AND MTTS
PROPOSED FOR EACH FY BY TYPE (FY 80 HAS BEEN PROGRAMMED
ALREADY. FYS 81 & 82 ARE ESTIMATES):

(A) CONUS OFFICER PROFESSIONAL:

FY 80 FY 81 FY 82

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ARMY	0	0	0
NAVY	0	0	0
AF AC/SC	1	2	2

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(B) CONUS OFFICER TECHNICAL:

	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
ARMY	4	4	4
NAVY	4	4	4
AF	2	3	3
	10	11	11

(C) CONUS ENLISTED TECHNICAL:

	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
ARMY	2	2	2
NAVY	9	9	9
AF	0	0	0
	11	11	11

(D) CONUS MTTS:

	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
ARMY	1	1	0
NAVY	0	0	1
AF	1	1	0
	2	2	1

(E) CZ OFFICER PROFESSIONAL:

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ARMY C&GS	10	10	10
NAVY	0	0	0
AF TAO	8	8	8
	18	18	18

(F) CZ OFFICER TECHNICAL:

	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
ARMY	44	44	44
NAVY	5	5	5
AF	2	2	2
	51	51	51

(G) CZ ENLISTED TECHNICAL:

	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
ARMY	0	0	0
NAVY	9	9	9

AF 63 65 65
72 74 74

(H) CZ MTTS:

	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
ARMY	1	1	1
NAVY	0	0	0
AF	0	0	0
	1	1	1

(3) NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO BE TRAINED IN THE US VS OVERSEAS:
TRI-SERVICE TNG & MTTS:

	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
(A) CONUS TNG	25	27	27
(B) CZ	141	143	143
(C) CONUS MTTS:	2	2	2

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(D) CZ MTTS: 1 1 1

(4) IMET PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING IS UTILIZED AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE UTILIZED IN CONUS AND CZ. THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING IS ALSO UTILIZED TO SOME EXTENT THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND SOME COUNTRIES IN EUROPE AT NO COST WHICH HELPS HONDURAS OVERCOME THE LOW IMET CEILING RESTRICTIONS. HOWEVER, THE GOH STILL PREFERS US TRAINING

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BECAUSE OF THEIR TRADITIONAL TIES WITH THE US AND US DOCTRINE. IMET TRAINING INDICATED IN THIS REPORT IS BASED ON A COST FACTOR OF \$250,000. THESE FUNDS WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO HONDURAS FOR FY 79 AND IT IS ASSUMED THAT SAME AMOUNT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEARS 80, 81 AND 82. MORE IMET TRAINING WOULD BE UTILIZED IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE TO HONDURAS; HOWEVER, THIS TRAINING CANNOT BE UTILIZED UNDER FMS BECAUSE THE COST FOR TRAINING UNDER FMS IS VERY EXPENSIVE AND PROHIBITIVE. HONDURAS DOES NOT HAVE IN-COUNTRY CAPABILITIES TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING THAT CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH IMET. PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN THE CONUS AND SOME ADVANCED TECHNICAL TRAINING FROM US SOURCES IS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT SINCE THIS TRAINING HELPS ESTABLISH PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES. HONDURAS IS PRESENTLY PAYING FOR TLA IN FULL FOR TRAINING IN THE CONUS AND CZ. THIS EFFORT
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STRETCHES THE IMET DOLLAR AND PROVIDES MORE TRAINING WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE TO BE REDUCED OR FUNDED THROUGH FMS.

(I) THE AMBASSADOR, BEARING IN MIND THE SEVERE BUDGET CONSTRAINTS THAT ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO EXIST, BELIEVES THE FY 81 AND 82 PROGRAMS SHOULD REMAIN AT THE CURRENT LEVEL (IMET \$250,000 AND FMS \$2.5 MILLION). A DECREASE IN THIS ALREADY REDUCED PROGRAM WOULD LIMIT EFFECTIVENESS OF U.S. TIES WITH THE MILITARY, AND THUS BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PURSUIT OF OUR OVERALL INTERESTS, WITHOUT IMPEDING THEIR CONTINUED MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. AS HAS BEEN NOTED BEFORE, THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES BENEFITS, RECOGNIZES HONDURAS' RELATIVELY GOOD HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE AND DOES NOT LOOM UNDULY LARGE IN THE CENTRAL AMERICAN CONTEXT.
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